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Publication of an 1978 subregional
Conference Papers on Migration
Labour in Southern Africa

Professor H. A. Turner, Consultant, was invited in 1980 to edit and publish the 1978 Conference paper on Migratory Labour in Southern Africa. Following consultations with him at ECA Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Professor Turner agreed to undertake the work. In May, 1980, the Swedish Agency for Research Co-operation with Developing Countries (SARES) provided funds for the publication to proceed. Accordingly in October/December, 1980, Professor Turner visited Botswana, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique, Swaziland and Zambia with a view to collecting latest and reliable information which would enable him to up-date and to reconcile the facts and figures contained in the 1978 Conference Papers so that when published the papers would constitute an up-to-date and realistic basis of action by the Southern Africa Labour Commission.

Professor Turner was unable to produce the first draft of the publication by the 31st March, 1981, as agreed. The time was, therefore, extended to the 30th September, 1981. Since he was unable to meet this new deadline the ECA Secretariat proposed that the time be again extended to 30th November, 1981. Professor Turner then asked that the time be extended not to 30th November, 1981, but by another six months. By that time it had become clear that Professor Turner had no serious intention of publishing the documents as agreed. The ECA Secretariat, therefore, decided to terminate the consultancy. Alternative arrangements are now being made to publish the papers as soon as practicable.